

Also favorably, with amendment,

HOUSE BILL No. 218, BY MR. HALL.

SUBJECT: CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS—GAMING—
"RACETRACK BILL."

Amendment proposed by Committee: "Strike out all after the words 'A Bill entitled' and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'An Act to provide for the regulation and control of horse racing within the State of Maryland; to create a State Racing Commission and prescribe its powers and duties; to limit and restrict betting on horse races; to provide for license fees for the conduct of horse racing within the State; to repeal Sections 204, 205 and 206 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Gaming," said section 206 having been amended by Chapter 127 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1906; also to repeal Section 275 of Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Anne Arundel County," sub-title "Gaming," as the same was enacted by Chapter 290 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1898; and also to repeal Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1912, establishing a Racing Commission for Baltimore county; and also to repeal Chapter 132 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1912, establishing a Racing Commission for Harford county.

'Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any corporation or association formed for the purpose of racing and breeding or improving the breed of horses and conducting races and contests of speed shall have the power and right, subject to the provisions of this Act, to hold one or more running race meetings in each year, and to hold, maintain and conduct running races at such meetings. At such meetings, the corporation or owners of the horses engaged in such races, or others who are not participants in the racing, may contribute purses, prizes, premiums or stakes to be contested for, but no person or persons other than the owners of the horse or horses contesting in a race shall have any pecuniary interest in a purse, prize, premium or stake contested for in such a race, or be entitled to or receive any portion thereof after such race shall have been finished, and the whole of such prize, purse, premium or stake shall be allotted in accordance with the terms and conditions of such race. Such meetings shall not be held except during the period extending from the first of April to the first of Decem-